


**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE April 25, 2006	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Karen Coffey, Victim/Witness Assistant Director (805) 781-5821	
(4) SUBJECT  Request by the Victim/Witness Division of the District Attorney's Office to proclaim April 23-29, 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week."			
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST  Crime Victims' Rights Week is commemorated each April with national and state resolutions to highlight victims' rights in our communities. The Board of Supervisors is asked to join in this national and state effort.			
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION  That the Board proclaim April 23 thru 29, 2006, as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week".			
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A	(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> NO
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST):  County law enforcement agencies, Probation, County Social Services and many community organizations collaborate to provide crime victim services in San Luis Obispo County.			
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____			
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, (All)		(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(15) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)		(16) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(17) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(18) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	

(19) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW		<div style="font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-15deg);"> A-1-A 4-25-06 </div>
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**County of San Luis Obispo**



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Gerald T. Shea, District Attorney 

**DATE:** April 25, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 23 through 29, 2006, as  
"San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week"

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board proclaim April 23 - 29, 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week."

**Discussion**

Each year, the Board of Supervisors joins the state and nation in proclaiming a week in April as "Crime Victims' Rights Week." This year, as the nation commemorates the National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we ask the Board to recognize April 23 through 29, 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week". In 1981, President Reagan first declared Crime Victims' Rights Week to help focus our nation's attention on the plight of crime victims. This year's theme, "Victim's Rights: Strength in Unity", underscores that justice is achieved through the dedication and commitment of the many agencies and community organizations that diligently work to care for and provide services for our crime victims. This is especially timely in light of the recent random acts of violence in our community.

**Other Agency Involvement**

Locally, the District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Center works in collaboration with a wide variety of public and private agencies and groups on a local and state level to ensure the rights of crime victims in San Luis Obispo County and the provision of services necessary to achieve those rights.

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**Financial Consideration**

None.

**Results**

With the recognition of San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week, we increase the public's understanding about crime victimization in our society and help our community understand the value and importance of ensuring the rights of crime victims and their families. We also recognize the dedicated first responders and support agencies, including Victim Witness employees and volunteers, who provide crisis and support services to victims of all crimes. Last year, the Victim/Witness Center provided a wide variety of crisis and support services to 3,143 new victims of crime. This was achieved through the efforts of trained advocates with the assistance of volunteers who donated over 2,000 hours.

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**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 23 - 29, 2006  
AS "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, President Ronald W. Reagan first declared "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in 1981 to focus our nation's attention on the plight of crime victims; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme is "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity" and presents a national and local opportunity to reflect on the devastating impact of crime on victims and to recognize the collaboration of Federal, State, and community programs to assist victims; and

**WHEREAS**, crime and violence in America affects us all, and this is especially timely in light of the recent random acts of violence in our community resulting in the tragic deaths of innocent victims, physical injuries to others and emotional injuries to witnesses, neighbors and citizens alike; and

**WHEREAS**, "Strength in Unity" is demonstrated by San Luis Obispo County first responders and victim support agencies who carry out their duties with professionalism and compassion responding to the emergency needs of the victims and witnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center is a partner with first responders and other support agencies, assisting crime victims for 29 years and last year helping 3,143 new victims of crime with crisis and support services; and

**WHEREAS**, America has joined together annually for the past 26 years to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week each April;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that San Luis Obispo County proclaims the week of April 23 to 29, 2006, as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week" and reaffirms our commitment to "Strength in Unity" by bringing rights and justice to crime victims and our entire community.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_,  
seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll

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